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Dr. L. V. Hammond
The Commonwealth Fund
1 East 75 Street
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Dear Dr. Hammond:

I am pleased to answer your letter of the 25th concerning Dr. Peter Day. While his laboratory research has been principally with Professor Keitt, my own laboratory has enjoyed his frequent visits, discussions, participation in seminars, etc., so that I believe I can give a competent judgment.

I can answer you quite fully and briefly with my conclusion that he would be eligible, without qualification, by each of the three criteria. We are delighted to have him here, but respect his primary ties with Britain; he is a first rate scientific scholar and has always shown a lively interest in what is going on, both scientifically and culturally; he is an excellent representative of his home country (though his affability and friendliness belie the stereotyped impression of the Englishman); his work has been of such a nature, and especially with such material, that the extension would be indispensable to rounding it out.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics